

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
  - a first substrate;
  - a main seal on the first substrate and defining a liquid crystal injection area;
  - a first step-shaped compensating layer under the main seal;
  - a plurality of dummy seals on the first substrate and external to the liquid crystal injection area; and
  - a second step-shaped compensating layer under the plurality of dummy seals, the second step-shaped compensating layer having substantially a same ~~thickness~~ structure as the first step-shaped compensating layer.
2. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the main seal is provided with a liquid crystal injection hole through which a liquid crystal can be injected.
3. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals have a same thickness.
4. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the first step-shaped compensating layer has a thickness of about 6500Å.
5. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein a top of the main seal and tops of the dummy seals are a same distance from the first substrate.
6. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - a gate metal pattern on the substrate forming a gate line and a gate electrode; and
  - a gate-insulating layer covering the gate metal pattern.
7. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein the first and second step-shaped compensating layers include the gate metal pattern and the gate-insulating layer.
8. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals are formed on the gate-insulating layer.

## Claims 9-20 (Withdrawn)

21. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:  
a first substrate;  
a main seal on the first substrate and defining a liquid crystal injection area;  
a first compensating layer with a width substantially the same as a width of the main seal disposed between the first substrate and the main seal;  
a plurality of dummy seals on the first substrate and external to the liquid crystal injection area; and  
a second compensating layer with a width substantially the same as a width of the dummy seals disposed between the first substrate and the plurality of dummy seals, the second compensating layer having substantially a same ~~thickness~~ structure as the first compensating layer.
22. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein the main seal is provided with a liquid crystal injection hole through which a liquid crystal can be injected.
23. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals have a same thickness.
24. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein the first compensating layer has a thickness of about 6500Å.
25. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein a top of the main seal and tops of the dummy seals are a same distance from the first substrate.
26. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, further comprising:  
a gate metal pattern on the substrate forming a gate line and an gate electrode; and  
a gate-insulating layer covering the gate metal pattern.

27. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 26, wherein the first and second compensating layers include the gate metal pattern and the gate-insulating layer.

28. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 26, wherein the main seal and the dummy seals are formed on the gate-insulating layer.